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### Man Charged with Soliciting Prostitute

A 55-year-old man charged with soliciting a prostitute is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 2 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Bellflower Branch, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Raymond Edward Bernasconi was charged on Nov. 21 with one misdemeanor count of soliciting a prostitute in case 6PC05400.

Prosecutors said on Oct. 12 Bernasconi reportedly made arrangements online to meet a prostitute at a motel in Claremont. When the defendant arrived at the location, he was arrested and taken into custody, according to prosecutors.

At the time of the alleged incident, Bernasconi was an employee of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of six months in county jail.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.